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A fault handling system which detects a fault occurred in an information processing system, and performs fault handling processing corresponding to the detected fault in order to recover from the detected fault condition. The fault handling system is provided with a fault management table for storing operation mode information indicating the operating status of the information processing system and a type of fault handling processing corresponding to the detected fault in the information processing system in such a manner as to relate the operation mode information with the type of the fault handling processing, and a fault handling facility for determining the operation mode information and obtaining the type of fault handling processing corresponding to the operation mode information determined by referring to the fault management table.